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POWER GENERATED FROM DOYANG PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether approximately 88% of the power generated from Doyang Project in Nagaland is taken away by NEEPCO for supply to adjoining States at a very low rate;

(b) if so, the facts and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the State of Nagaland is already facing acute power problems and people have to face load-shedding from 8-10 hours a day;

(d) if so, whether the Government plan to instruct NEEPCO to direct the entire power for the State of Nagaland; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and other measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (e) : The Doyang Hydro-electric Project in Nagaland is a Central Sector project and all the States of North-Eastern Region including Nagaland have a share in the electricity generated by the Project. In accordance with the sharing formula, Nagaland`s share includes 12% power from the project free of cost. The tariff for the power generated by the project has been worked out as Rs.6.10 paise/unit and the States of the N.E. Region have expressed their inability to purchase power at this rate. Efforts are being made to restructure the financing pattern of the project for bringing about reduction in this tariff. The power supply position of Nagaland for the current year (April 2001 to February, 2002) indicates that against the energy requirement of 238.7 MU, the availability was 237.8 MU and against the peak demand of 61 MW, 58 MW was met. NEEPCO has been experiencing underutilization of the power generated by some of its power stations and some surplus power is available for supply outside North-Eastern Region since May, 2000. The constituent States of the North Eastern Region are at liberty to increase their indent of power from NEEPCO stations.